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PROPOSALS UNDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received project proposals under Area Development Programmes from the State Governments including Gujarat during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received and cleared, project-wise/State-wise; and

(c) the time by which remaining proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c) Under the Haryali Guidelines prioritized lists of blocks/districts for sanctioning of projects under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) are invited each year from the States.New IWDP projects are sanctioned from these prioritized lists by a Project Sanctioning Committee,which includes a representative of each of the State Governments. The projects are approved depending upon the extent of waste lands,performance of the States in implementation and availability of funds after meeting the committed liabilities of ongoing projects.There is no pendency of project proposals under IWDP at the level of Department of Land Resources.

The projects under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) are sanctioned by Department in blocks identified by Hanumantha Rao Committee (1994) on the basis of DPAP, DDP coverage in the State, performance of the ongoing projects and budget availability after meeting the committed liabilities of the ongoing projects.

The funds under Haryali Guidelines are released for each project in five installments of 15%, 30%, 30%, 15% and 10%.The first installment is released suo- moto at the time of sanction of the project and subsequent installment is released when more than 50% of the funds released under the previous installment have been utilized. The funds do not lapse at the end of the financial year. The details of programme-wise,State-wise and year-wise projects approved and funds released by the Government during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure-I to VI.